

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**U.S. Appln. No. 09/144,502**

the above-noted rule. Hence, these amendments do not constitute new matter, and thus entry is requested.

The Examiner is requested to note that the sequences in original Figures 2A-2B and 3A-3C (now deleted) are believed to be identical to the corresponding sequences found in the Sequence Listing filed October 9, 1998.

The amendments to the claims have been made to correct grammatical errors (cell (is) to cells (are)) whose correction was requested by the Examiner in a telephone conference on April 19, 1999, as well as to insert reference to SEQ ID NO:1 and NO:3 in place of deleted FIG. 2A and FIG. 3A, respectively. Hence, these amendments do not constitute new matter, and thus entry is requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number on any questions which might arise.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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